

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An anti-theft device operable with an electronic apparatus, the device comprising:

a remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit including structure that enables tracking of the electronic apparatus, said RIC unit operable to receive a disable signal from an interrogator and produce an output signal in response; and

a shut-off unit coupled with a power source of the electronic apparatus, said shut-off unit in a shut-off state preventing a flow of electricity via the power source in accordance with said shut-off signal.

2. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a reset device communicating with said shut-off unit, said reset device including a controller communicating with a memory and an input device, said memory storing data relating to the electronic apparatus, wherein said controller maintains said shut-off unit in said shut-off state until predetermined data corresponding to the electronic apparatus data is entered by way of said input device.

3. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a coded reset device, said shut-off unit remaining in said shut-off state until a predetermined code is input to said reset device.

4. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a message activating unit communicating with said RIC unit, said message activating unit activating a message in accordance with said shut-off signal.

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5. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shut-off unit comprises fusible link.

6. A method of operating an anti-theft device in cooperation with an electronic apparatus, the anti-theft device including a remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit that receives a shut-off signal from an interrogator and a shut-off unit comprised of components of the RIC unit and coupled with a power source of the electronic apparatus, the method comprising:

- (a) tracking the electronic apparatus with the remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit; and
- (b) preventing with the shut-off unit a flow of electricity via the power source in accordance with the shut-off signal.

7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the anti-theft device further includes a reset device communicating with the shut-off unit, the reset device having a controller communicating with a memory and an input device, the memory storing data relating to the electronic apparatus, the method further comprising maintaining the shut-off unit in a shut-off state until predetermined data corresponding to the electronic apparatus data is entered via the input device.

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8. A method according to claim 6, wherein the anti-theft device further includes a coded reset device, the method further comprising maintaining the shut-off unit in a shut-off state until a predetermined code is input to the deactivate assembly.

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9. The method according to claim 6, wherein the anti-theft device further includes a message activating unit communicating with the RIC unit, the method further comprising activating a message in accordance with the shut-off signal.

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10. The method according to claim 6, wherein the shut-off unit further includes fusible link.

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